CLAIMS:

1.   A computer apparatus comprising:
            means for displaying a visual decision tree model in a symbol based table, the visual
model including a plurality of visual objects, each of the visual objects being linked to at least one
other object to form a decision tree such that after the initial object the tree displays only visual objects
which depend from objects which have been selected by a user.

2.   A computer apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein information is provided to the user
through browser buttons at each object.

3.   A computer apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein once the final object set in the
tree is presented, consequences of that choice are presented to the user.

4.   A computer implemented method comprising:
            displaying a visual decision tree model in a symbol based table, the visual model
including a plurality of visual objects, each of the visual objects being linked to at least one other
object to form a decision tree; and
            after the initial object the tree displaying only visual objects which depend from objects
which have been selected by a user.

5.   A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein information is provided to the user
through browser buttons at each decision level within the tree.

6.   A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the information includes issues that
the user should consider prior to making the decision.

7.   A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the information includes questions, which the user should ask prior to making the decision.

8.   A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the information includes answers to those questions that have been put forward by other users.

9.   A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein once the final object in the tree is presented, consequences of that choice are presented to the user.

10.   A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the consequences include cost implications of the choice.

11.   A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the consequences include workload implications of the choice.

12.   A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the consequences include risk analysis of the choice.